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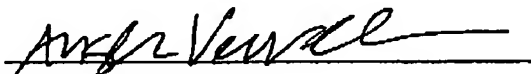
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## REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the current application. Claims 1-12 have been canceled, and claims 13-21 will be added. Support for these claims can be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added. Filed concurrently with this amendment is Applicants' Terminal Disclaimer, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c), to commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,561,976. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments. Consideration and allowance of the pending claims is requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

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